

App. No. 10/090,911
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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 24, 30 – 57 are now pending. Claims 24, 32 and 33 have been amended.
New claims 34 – 57 have been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103 OVER WO 99/57259

The claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over WO 99/57259 ("WO '259"). Applicant amends the claims to overcome the rejection.

Applicants amend the claims to *inter alia* clarify the claimed method is directed to softening a fabric in a manual rinse process comprising the steps of incorporating the fabric conditioning composition of the present invention in an aqueous bath in a first rinse step. Applicant submits that WO '259 fails to teach or suggest the invention as now claimed. As such, Applicant submits the claims are now allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of the now pending claims is respectfully requested.

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